Coaching Centre for scheduled Castfe and Scheduled Tribe students for Admission in Navodaya Vidyalaya in Andhra Pradesh

397. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coaching centres which were organised in Viziariagaram District of Andhra Pradesh to give coach ing to the Scheduled Tribe and Scheduled Caste students seeking admission to the Navodaya Vidalayas;

(b) the number of students of the above categories who were given coach ing at the respective centres;

(c) the number of students of the above categories among them who actually appeared for the said entrace test;

(d) whether it is a fact that coaching centres were started for the candidates of the above categories in Vizianagaram district (Andhra Pradesh) who actually did not apply for 'admission to the Navodaya Vidayalayas;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the reasons for not giving adequate publicity well in advance to enable candidates to apply for the test in time and avail of the opportunity of coaching facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme does not provide for setting up centres for coaching to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates seeking admission in the Navodaya Vidyalayas. A Navodaya Vidyalaya stands sanctioned to be established in the district of Vizianagaram from the academic year 1988-89 only. Therefore the conduct of admission test in Vizianvigaram district during the currence year 1987-88 does not arise.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Malda-Balurghat Railway Project

398. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS' be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Malda-Balurghat rail way project is proposed to be taken up shortly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: (a) to (c) Construction of Eklakhi-Balurghat new BG line (90km.) was approved in 1983-84. Its estimated cost is Rs. 42.85 cro-res. Expenditure upto March, 1987 was Rs. 3.47 crores. The progress on this project is dependant on the availability of resources for new lines.

Railway Line between Namkhana and Budge Budge

399. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will t'he Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what is the latest progress of the proposed railway line between Nam khana and Budge Budge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The construction work on Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana just has commenced and is, therefore, in its very early stages.

Foreign Airlines Services from Calcutta

400. DR. R. K. PODDAR:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM;

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are offering Calcutta to all foreign airlines like PANAM, and KLM so that they could operate through or touch Calcutta;

(b) if so, the names of such airlines; and